

Iron County Register.

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IRONTON, MISSOURI.

The steamer Mexico, which arrived at New York, on the 4th, from Havana, brought the largest cargo of tobacco ever shipped from that port, having on board over seven thousand bales.

Ellen Mulholland, of Long Branch, N. J., conducting business as a builder and real estate operator in New York city, filed a petition in bankruptcy, on the 5th, with liabilities of \$208,432; no assets.

Former Congressman John B. Gillilan, of Minneapolis, has given the University of Minnesota \$50,000, the income from which is to be used to help worthy students through the university.

At a meeting of the Commercial club of Indianapolis, Ind., on the 2d, initial steps were taken for the erection of a monument in the grounds in front of the new federal building to Gen. Harrison.

The police of Helena, Mont., on the 3d, arrested the proprietors of three gambling houses and 11 proprietors of nickel-in-the-slot machines. These were the first arrests under the new anti-gambling laws.

The city council of Fargo, N. D., has formally accepted the offer of Mr. Carnegie to donate \$20,000 for a public library. The conditions that the city raise \$25,000 to maintain the library and also furnish the site will be met.

Dr. George A. Reisner, who is in charge of Mrs. Hearst's excavations in Egypt for the archeological museum of the University of California, has cabled that he has discovered a rich collection of archaic gold jewelry.

Mrs. Fred H. Alms, on the 3d, announced that she desired to honor the memory of her husband by erecting on the grounds of the University of Cincinnati, at a cost not to exceed \$100,000, a music hall to be devoted to musical culture.

It was reported in Canton, on the 3d, that the viceroys had received a telegram from the court to the effect that a peaceful settlement with Russia was impossible. The viceroys is described as much disturbed by the communication.

The Buckeye Match Co., with a capital of \$300,000, was organized at Akron, O., on the 2d, and will erect a large plant for the manufacture of both matches and match-making machines. The company is independent of the Diamond Match Co. and will enter into competition with it.

Secretary Hurty of the Indiana state board of health gave out a statement, on the 2d, showing that there were 472 cases of smallpox in the state. The greatest number of cases in any one county was reported from Switzerland county—200 cases.

The result of the count of the majority vote in St. Louis, according to returns received up to 6 a. m. of the 3d, was: Wells (dem.), 44,037; Parker (rep.), 35,005; Merriweather (public ownership), 28,632; Filley (good gov't), 2,000. The entire democratic city ticket is carried.

The Toledo (C.) Ice publishes a story to the effect that Dr. Ash, a former resident of that city, has just sold to John D. Rockefeller, for \$1,000,000, 160 acres in northern Wisconsin, which Dr. Ash purchased in 1884 for \$1,000, on speculation. The tract is said to include a natural harbor.

A special dispatch from Cincinnati says: "A gigantic investigation of four railroads just been effected. The roads are the Southern railroad, the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville and the Cincinnati Southern. J. Pierpont Morgan is the reputed backer."

The war department, on the 2d, received information from Gen. MacArthur that Aguinaldo had taken the oath of allegiance to the United States under the terms of amnesty offered by Gen. MacArthur by direction of the president. The announcement caused great satisfaction in Washington.

The so-called radical element in the Cuban constitutional convention, including Senors Juan Gomez, Portuondo, Aleman and Manduley, held a conference, on the 4th, with Gov. Gen. Wood, who set forth the provisions of the Platt amendments in a new and satisfactory light. The delegates were apparently pleased with the interview.

As reported by R. G. Dun & Co., commercial failures in the first quarter of 1901 were 3,325 in number and \$31,703,486 in amount of defaulted liabilities, of which 710 were in manufacturing, for \$12,594,222, and 2,495 others, not properly included in either class, that owed \$14,645,358. Banking defaults numbered 21, with liabilities of \$5,441,289.

The new Chicago Trans-Atlantic steamship Northwest will sail on its first trip from Chicago to Hamburg, Germany, on the 24th. A cargo of agricultural implements and miscellaneous freight will be carried on the trip. It is expected that the entire voyage down the lakes and the St. Lawrence and across the Atlantic will take only 22 days. The boat and its sister ship will make regular trips to Hamburg thereafter.

The Texas house of representatives, on the 2d, referred to the committee on federal relations a resolution introduced by Mr. Phillips, condemning Gen. Funston and the government military authorities for the capture of Aguinaldo and characterizing Aguinaldo as the George Washington of the Philippines. A substitute resolution, praising Gen. Funston for his bravery and congratulating him upon the success of his expedition, was ruled out of order.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The new America's cup defender building at the "Hershey" works, Bristol, R. I., will be named the Constitution. This announcement was made by Mr. W. Butler Duncan, Jr., the manager of the yacht.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was reported ill at the home of Gen. H. C. Merriam in Denver, Col., on the 4th, having contracted a cold while on a trip around the Georgetown loop in the mountains. He had planned to go to Colorado Springs on his way to California.

Mrs. Annie W. Clarke, of Columbus, O., president of the Ohio Woman's Christian Temperance union, has addressed a formal note to the women of the Ohio society of California, protesting against the serving of wine at the banquet which the society is to give in honor of the presidential party at the launching of the battleship Ohio.

Lieut. Frederick Boyer, of the thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, chief commissary for the second district of the department of southern Luzon, is under arrest at Calamba, Province of Laguna, where he has been charged with misappropriating 50 cases of bacon and with other irregularities. The president, on the 4th, signed the commissions of Lloyd Wheaton as major general and of Jacob H. Smith and Frederick Funston as brigadier generals of the United States army, the commissions of Generals Wheaton and Smith bearing date of March 30, and that of Funston April 1.

The Columbian Paper Co. started its mammoth pulp plant at Bristol, Tenn., on the 4th. This is perhaps the largest plant of the kind in the south, and has just been completed at a cost of \$50,000.

One of the questions to be settled at the annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans' association, at Memphis, Tenn., May 28 to 30, inclusive, will be that of the admission of the sons of the veterans to full membership in the association.

Col. Robert Wallace, who served as a captain in the United States army in the Mexican war and was made colonel of a western regiment in the Union army in the civil war, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Alexander Elliott, in Jersey City, N. J., on the 5th, aged 90 years.

Samuel I. Gordon, of Omaha, Neb., suspended as police judge pending an impeachment trial by the city council, on the 5th, attempted to take his seat as usual at the morning session, and, with his son, was finally removed forcibly by the police.

Howard Cole, of Indianapolis, Ind., who is Russell B. Harrison's attorney, said, on the 5th, that the report that Mr. Harrison would contest his father's will was entirely unfounded. Mr. Harrison, he said, is entirely satisfied.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 5th, showed: Available cash balance, \$155,171,244; gold reserve, \$97,214,340.

At Johannesburg, Transvaal Colony, on the 5th, Lord Kitchener personally presented the Red Cross medal to Madame Ferriars, head of the French ambulance department, for her services to the British wounded.

Judge John A. Warth, aged 90 years, died at his home near Charleston, W. Va., on the 5th, after an illness of several weeks. He was a senator of Virginia in 1857 and a member of the constitutional convention of West Virginia in 1872. In 1873 he was appointed by the legislature to codify the state laws which are now used.

The steamship Rhein, which arrived at New York, on the 5th, from Bremen, broke the record as a passenger carrier. Besides her crew, which numbered over four hundred, she had 2,502 passengers.

The navy department, on the 5th, awarded the contract for the building of the 23-knot protected cruiser Milwaukee to the Union Iron works of San Francisco. The contract price is \$2,825,000.

The Kansas asylum for the insane at Topeka, with over 1,000 patients, is threatened with an epidemic of smallpox. An attendant was taken ill, and the malady was found to be smallpox. He was sent to the pest-house. On the 5th two cases developed among the patients, and a panic started among the employees.

A Washington dispatch intimates that the president will reward Lieut. Mitchell, Fortieth infantry; Capt. H. W. Newton, Thirty-fourth infantry, and Capt. R. T. Hazzard and Lieut. O. P. M. Hazzard, who also accompanied Gen. Funston on his expedition for the capture of Aguinaldo with commissions in the regular army.

By the death of Thomas H. Caswell, of San Francisco, all the pomp and sanctity of the world's highest man-made rite, now falls upon Congressmen James D. Richardson, of Tennessee. In other words, he will succeed to the exalted office of sovereign grand commander of the southern jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry.

Atty-Gen. Douglas of Minnesota has rendered an opinion on the Deming bill, passed by both houses of the legislature, for purpose of securing the release of the Younger brothers. He states that the enactment in question is, in his opinion, unconstitutional.

Baron von Egloffstein, hitherto Emperor William's court marshal, retires in disgrace because the kaiser, rightly or wrongly, attributes to him the communication to the press of several recent versions of his majesty's public utterances, that are said to have been distorted.

The national commission for the Louisiana Purchase World's fair will meet in St. Louis, April 16, when an organization will be effected. No actual business can be transacted, however, until the exposition company is incorporated, which may have been effected by that time.

Aguinaldo, composing a manifesto to the Filipino people, spends hours consulting a dictionary, says a Manila dispatch. Promising gold discoveries are reported from the island of Masbate.

When the cabinet met, on the 5th, President McKinley announced to the members that Mr. Philander Chase Knox, of Pittsburgh, had accepted the attorney generalship, and will succeed Atty-Gen. Griggs in the cabinet.

It is reported at Pekin, on the 4th, that Yu Hsien, the former governor of that province, who was some time ago reported to have been beheaded, was not executed, as the foreign ministers were led to believe.

Another terrible blizzard was experienced in the northwestern corner of Kansas, on the 5th, increasing the suffering in the towns along the New Orleans & St. Francis branch of the Burlington & Missouri river railroad that have been snowed up since March 23.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Prentice Tiller and J. H. Grant, alias A. B. Chase, alias A. F. Martin, who were recently arrested in Nebraska, and who were wanted by the federal authorities in Cincinnati and other cities for robbing the United States mails, made a sensational dash for liberty in the Union station at Chicago on the 7th. Grant made his escape, but Tiller was recaptured.

In the volunteer cyclist's maneuvers ordered by the British war office, the attack on London, on the 7th, proved that the military value of wheelmen is largely dependent on the weather. The attacking force outnumbered the defenders, but lost so many men in the rain and owing to the bad roads that it was unable to attack in force at the proper time.

Fifteen hundred pounds of dynamite were used by the authorities of the port, on the 26th, in blowing up the forward superstructure of the sunken United States collier Merrimac, which has long impeded entrance to the harbor of Santiago de Cuba. The explosion was plainly heard in the city, five miles away.

Mrs. Isabel Thompson, aged 67 years, was fatally wounded in Kansas City, Mo., on the night of the 7th, by a footpad, who, in attempting to rob the woman, crushed her skull with a coupling pin. She was returning home from church when assaulted, at Seventeenth and Holmes streets, an unfrequented part of the city.

Probably ten thousand persons participated, on the 7th, in the dedication of the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, at Wrightwood and Grove avenues, Chicago. So great was the assemblage that a quadruple service was held, the church being as often filled with new and different congregations.

At the services, on the 7th, of the Syrian Greek Orthodox church, in New York city, it was announced that Czar Nicholas II. of Russia had given 2,000 roubles, or about one thousand dollars, toward the building fund of the church, which is soon to be erected in Brooklyn.

According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Mail, import duties for Vladivostok have been raised on all American iron, steel and machinery.

The St. John schooner Wendell Burpee went ashore on the cape near Portland, Me., about noon on the 7th, and the mate only was saved.

Mrs. Prudence Smith and Mrs. Jane McNutt, and her daughter, were arraigned in Judge Manning's court, in Kansas City, Kas., on the 7th, on the charge of destroying property in an Armourdale joint, March 11, and the county attorney dismissed the case. The women refused to say whether they intended to continue their crusade against the joints.

Mrs. Carrie Nation says she will sue the city of Topeka, Kas., for some of her hatches which are now in the possession of the police department. The hatches were taken from her on the occasions of several arrests during saloon smashing days. She made a demand on the chief of police for the hatches, on the 7th, but was refused.

Congressman R. B. Gordon, of the Fourth Ohio district, and other members of congress, will visit the Philippines this summer. They will leave the first of the month.

Gordon says it is his desire to make a study of the actual conditions, and thus be better able to handle Philippine matters in the next congress. Thelma Taylor, the four-year-old daughter of Chas. Taylor, a Fort Wayne (Ind.) railway conductor, residing in Chicago, died at Laporte, Ind., on the 7th, as the result of arsenical poisoning caused by eating paint samples off an advertising folder.

According to expert opinion China would be able to pay from twenty to thirty million pounds sterling indemnity without crippling her financial resources, while the amounts which the powers at present demand aggregate from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Ten new cases of smallpox were reported in Kansas City, Mo., on the 7th. There were nearly one hundred smallpox patients in the pesthouse. Of the 915 sufferers since the outbreak of the epidemic, only four had died up to the 7th.

The naval ship Supply is to be overhauled and refitted as a station ship for the island of Guam. She will take the place of the collier Brutus, which is now on her way to the United States to be laid up for repairs.

Large and excited anti-clerical meetings at Malaga, Coruna and elsewhere have passed resolutions demanding that the government expel the religious orders from Spain.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

State Board of Equalization.

The state board for the equalization of values of the several classes of assessed and real property, as assessed and returned for taxes of 1901 has completed its labors.

It was found that the assessors of many counties perverted the valuation of their real estate to fall below that fixed for taxes of 1900. In cases where such decreases were material the board ordered such return to the value as returned by the county assessor as would bring the aggregate of the assessed values of 1901, but in no case did the amount so added by the board bring the aggregate above that of 1900.

The changes made by the board in live stock are due to an effort to equalize the values between the several counties. The board found marked inequalities in the valuation of live stock. As for example, in the way of extremes, horses were valued at \$15.45 per head in Clark county, and \$8.50 per head in Pettis county; mules were valued at \$17.32 per head in Putnam county, and \$10.00 per head in Pettis county, and cattle were valued at \$5.30 per head in New Madrid county, and \$3.45 per head in Lewis county.

The assessment of bank stocks ranged from 48 to 100 cents on the dollar. Last year the board fixed the value of bank stocks for certain purposes at 50 cents on the dollar if capital and surplus, which was increased to 60 cents this year. The following is a summary of the changes in the aggregate made by the board for the several classes of property:

Net increase by the board...\$ 4,678,682
Valuation as returned by assessors...\$10,049,469.07
Total valuation for taxes, 1901...\$14,728,151.14
Total valuation for taxes, 1900...\$10,049,469.07
Increase...\$4,678,682.07
The increase in valuation includes the sum of \$4,478,682 added by the board in the equalization, as above noted, and the further sum of \$199,999.85 added by the county assessors.

Charged With Plagiarism.

The discipline committee of the Missouri university faculty has after due deliberation, dismissed from school Emmett Bishop, of Ravenwood, Mo., charged with plagiarizing the oration delivered by him at the recent intercollegiate oratorical contest at Jefferson City before the general assembly. The oration was of extraordinary merit for a college student, and was an easy winner. Mr. Bishop, representing Missouri university, receiving first place, and Mr. Brown, of Tarkio college, second.

Special Election Called.

The city council of Hannibal has adopted an ordinance calling a special election for Monday, April 23, to vote upon the proposition to issue \$135,000 in 4 per cent. bonds, to be used to purchase the plant of the Hannibal Water Co. of new plant, and to have a water company have been working for nearly two years over the granting of a new franchise to the company and a consequent reduction of rates, and a special election is the result.

Recent Deaths.

Henry Waterman, one of Booneville's most prominent citizens, after illness of several months, aged 63. He had been a member of the I. O. O. F. for 39 years.

Mr. John A. Fray, founder of Blackwater, Cooper county, died suddenly at his home in that town, aged 63.

Mrs. Rhoda Cross, an old resident of Miller county, at Eldon, aged 76.

Isaac Ellis, a prominent farmer of Pike county, aged 80.

Ninety-Two Years Old.

Mrs. Nancy A. Palmer celebrated her ninety-second birthday anniversary, the other day, at the home of her daughter, 728 North Newstead avenue, St. Louis. Mrs. Palmer is the daughter of Capt. Joseph Garrett, a Mexican war veteran. Her family came from Henry county, Va. Thirteen grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren are her descendants.

Cashier Missing.

C. H. Harding, cashier of the German-American bank, St. Joseph, left that city a few days ago, and can not be found. He left two letters, one to the officials of the bank and one to his wife, stating that he had left the city for good. He said his accounts would be found to be straight, and a careful examination proved his statement to be true.

ADB in the Family.

Joab Smith and Mrs. Lizzie Jamison and Frederick Smith and Miss Ina Jamison, all of Hancock, Macon county, were married the other day. The latter are the children of the first mentioned couple.

Governor's Tailor Killed.

A. Knauer, one of the oldest and wealthiest tailors in St. Joseph, was killed in the breast by a horse and instantly killed. For years past he had made the clothes of Missouri's present governor.

Jury Found Against Her.

In the breach of promise suit of Mrs. Elias Figley against J. W. Webb, at Independence, the jury refused to give her the \$10,000 damages she asked for. Both Mrs. Figley and Mr. Webb are over 60.

Wasn't Use to Gas.

Joseph Lambardies, a farmer from the state of Oregon, was found unconscious in his room at the Burlington hotel, St. Louis, and sent to the city hospital. He had blown out the gas.

Southern Methodist Mission Board.

The national conference of the Southern Methodist mission board heard all be held at St. John's church, St. Louis, beginning May 3.

A Great Collection.

An arborium, to contain trees and shrubs from all over the world, has been planned for Shaw's garden, St. Louis. It will be a great collection.

Young Girl Suffers Poison.

Miss Gertrude Covel, 17 years old, at Guilford, Nodaway county, took rough on rats and died. She would not give any reason for her act.

Roy Loses Both Legs.

John Ford, aged 12, son of E. A. Ford, of Poplar Bluff, fell under an Iron Mountain train, and both legs were crushed above the knee.

At His Wife's Grave.

Florin Irner, a Kansas city saloonkeeper, aged 40, committed suicide in Elmwood cemetery, that city, by hanging at his wife's grave.

Two Savanille Men Killed.

Two brothers, George and James Todd, were killed by the explosion of a sawmill boiler in Vernon county.

FOLLOWED STEP BY STEP.

Important Developments Looked For in the Case of Former Capt. Oberlin M. Carter.

MUCH OF THE STOLEN MONEY LOCATED.

Officers of the Department of Justice, as soon as certain details are completed, will swoop down upon the various plants and plaster them with attachments.

New York, April 7.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says:

Important developments in the Oberlin M. Carter case are likely to occur within a few days. Carter is now serving a sentence of five years' imprisonment in the government penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas., charged with gigantic swindling operations against the government. Up to the time he was convicted, Carter was under the jurisdiction of, and was prosecuted by the war department. Since then the civil authorities of the government, acting through the department of justice, have been quietly, but vigorously and relentlessly, tracing step by step, the money Carter stole, and now have the great bulk of it located, and are about ready to recover it and turn it back into the treasury.

The department of justice has discovered that Carter's profits from the shrewd swindling scheme, which he worked successfully for so long a time, were \$722,000. The government detectives, who for three years have been on the ex-army officer's trail, have located nearly every cent of this money, and as soon as certain unimportant details are completed the legal steps necessary to recover it will be taken by the department of justice. Attachments will be sworn out by United States district attorneys in New York city, in Savannah, Ga., and at other places where Carter invested the money, and it is not impossible that, as a result of these proceedings, the arrest of two or three well-known men, charged with knowingly taking part in protecting Carter's stealings, will follow.

It has been learned that Carter invested the money in gilt-edged securities and real estate in and around New York.

BOLD DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Attempt of Prentice Tiller and a Fellow Prisoner to Escape From U. S. Officers at Chicago.

Chicago, April 8.—Prentice Tiller and J. H. Grant, alias A. B. Chase, alias A. F. Martin, who were recently arrested in Nebraska, and who were wanted by the federal authorities in Cincinnati and other cities for robbing the United States mails, made a sensational dash for liberty in the Union station last evening. Grant made his escape from the officers who had the two men in charge and is still at large. Tiller was recaptured.

When they made their break for freedom they had just arrived in Chicago in charge of Deputy United States Marshal J. O. Moore and Sergeant Michael Dempsey, of Omaha. Before leaving the train the leg irons on the prisoners were changed to handcuffs so they could go up the stairway to the dining room for breakfast.

During the change one of the prisoners in some way got possession of the key to the handcuffs. Sergeant Dempsey missed the key as soon as they had reached the waiting room, and, leaving the prisoners in charge of Deputy Moore, he returned to the car to search for it. With Deputy Moore sitting directly in front of them Tiller fished with the handcuffs, and they were chafing his wrists and succeeded in opening the lock.

Grant, the moment he was released, sprang upon Deputy Moore, and, pinning his arms, told Tiller to run. Tiller scrambled to his feet and started for the door, while the deputy marshal struggled with Grant and frantically shouted an alarm to the crowd directing them to catch Tiller. Grant informed the excited crowd that began to gather that Moore was a crazy man and told them not to pay any attention to his ravings. In response to the demands of the deputy some of the bystanders interfered. Moore left Grant in their charge and gave chase after Tiller.

When Moore returned to the station with Tiller in handcuffs, he asked for Grant, and was told by some of the bystanders that he had gone away. The police started on his trail, but lost trace of him a few blocks from the depot.

Tiller was taken to Cincinnati last night. Up to a late hour the police had not succeeded in locating Grant.

Fatally Wounded by Footpad.

Kansas City, Mo., April 7.—Mrs. Isabel Thompson, aged 67 years, was fatally wounded last night by a footpad, who, in attempting to rob the woman, crushed her skull with a coupling pin. She was returning home from church when assaulted at Seventeenth and Holmes street, an unfrequented part of the city. She was found after midnight, after having lain unconscious for several hours. Mrs. Thompson is at the city hospital in a dying condition. There is no clew to the identity of the footpad.

The Car a Church Builder.

New York, April 8.—At the services yesterday of the Syrian Greek Orthodox church, in this city, it was announced that Czar Nicholas II. of Russia had given 2,000 roubles, or about one thousand dollars toward the building fund of the church which is soon to be erected in Brooklyn.

To Make a Tour of Study.

St. Petersburg, Thursday, April 4.—It is stated that Grank Duke Michael, the heir apparent, will soon begin a tour of the empire for the purpose of studying administration methods.

FORM OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

To be Established for the Philippines and Endure Until Congress Takes Action.

Cagayan, Mindanao, P. I., April 8.—In response to interrogatories from Mr. Elihu Root, United States secretary of war, the Philippine commission has prepared recommendations as to the form of general civil government to be established for the Philippines July 1 and to continue until congress shall have organized a permanent government for the archipelago.

This temporary civil government is expected to consist of a governor, a cabinet and legislative council, and it is believed that the members of the present commission will act as the principal advisers of Gov. Gen. Taft, although there will probably be a few Filipinos in the council. The members of the provincial legislature will all be appointed.

The commission will reach Manila May 1, after establishing provincial governments in all the large central islands excepting Samar and Mindoro. As soon as routine business has been disposed of, the commission will proceed to the organization of every remaining province in the island of Luzon, and will also deal with the matter of city government for Manila.

A NECESSARY PRECAUTION.

Cattle for America, Via Canada, to be Inspected Before Shipment from England.

Washington, April 8.—As a result of negotiations between Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and the Canadian minister of agriculture, an agreement has been reached between the two administrations by which Canada is to have a first class veterinarian stationed in England to test for tuberculosis all British cattle shipped to this country via Canada.

The Canadian administration wanted cattle to be admitted from Canada without tests at the border by American experts. The department at Washington would not agree to that. Secretary Wilson said, however, that if Canada would send to England an agent who should have sufficient expert knowledge of the subject, the United States would admit cattle upon his certificate that the cattle had been tested and found free of tuberculosis. This was agreed to by the Canadian minister.

It is officially explained that about ten per cent. of livestock in the United States and about forty per cent. in Great Britain have tuberculosis. The cattle on the continent of Europe are so diseased that this government will not permit the admission of any animals from there.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The Deadly Epidemic Raging Throughout the Continent of Europe—Imports Prohibited.

Washington, April 8.—The officials of the agricultural department are closely watching all reports from abroad regarding the extent of the foot and mouth disease, a fatal malady that is raging among the livestock in almost every country throughout Europe. For the last three years the outbreak has been general on the European continent, and the reports arriving from various foreign points do not indicate any diminution in its extent.

This government, as it has done since the epidemic reached such alarming dimensions, is refusing to admit any cattle, sheep or swine, except from the British isles. This is done not only to protect the livestock interests of this country, but also to protect our \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 annual export trade in cattle.

A SPECTACULAR INCIDENT.

Forward Part of the Sunken Collier Merrimac Blown Up in Santiago Harbor.

Santiago de Cuba, April 8.—Fifteen hundred pounds of dynamite were used by the authorities of the port Saturday in blowing up the forward superstructure of the sunken United States collier Merrimac, which has long impeded entrance to the harbor. The explosion was plainly heard in the city, five miles away.

Divers immediately descended and found 40 feet of clear water over the forward portion of the wreck. Port Captain Irwin will begin to dig to place mines aft, which he expects to explode in a week, thus completely clearing the harbor entrance.

Saturday's incident was highly spectacular. Residents on Smith Key, adjacent to the wreck, left the island fearing that their houses would be demolished. The overlooking hills were lined with people, and large numbers of pleasure vessels encircled the wreck at safe distances. When the electric button was touched a pyramid of water rose 40 feet and the surface was immediately covered with wreckage and tons of dead fish. The launches and yachts returned to the city laden with souvenirs of the wreck.

A RELIC OF BYGONE DAYS.

The Black Bull Inn, Holborn, Made Famous by Dickens,